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Venice, January 24. *N. S.*

THIS Republick hath ſent freſh Orders to Cardinal Ottoboni not to accept of the Protection of the Crown of France. Laſt Night the Senate was aſſembled to chuſe an Ambaſſador in Ordinary to be ſent from this State to the Court of Great Britain, and Signior Pietro Grimani was elected by a great Majority of the Ballots, and he hath already accepted of that Honour, and is making Preparations for his Journey. The Council of this State hath alſo reſolved to enter into a ſtricter League of Friendſhip with the Britiſh Crown, and to grant whatever Paſsports ſhall be demanded by Engliſh Ships for Tranſporting from the Auſtrian Countries as much Corn as is thought requiſite for the Subſiſtence of the Confederate Troops; and this Morning a Secretary of State ſignified theſe Reſolutions to her Britannick Majeſty's Miniſter at the College. The Diverſions of the Carneval began laſt Saturday with the uſual Ceremonies. Letters from Rome ſay, that the Pope was ſtill confined to his Chamber; and his Phyſicians perceiving that his Diſtemper encreaſed daily upon him, were apprehenſive of his ſudden Deceaſe. However, he hath held ſeveral private Conferences on the preſent ſituation of Affairs during his Indiſpoſition. An Expedient being found out to prevent the Differences which might ariſe concerning the Pretenſions of the Miniſters of his Catholick Majeſty, and thoſe of the Duke of Anjou, to the Right of a Box in the Theatre of Capranica, leave hath been given for preſenting a new Opera in that Place. Theſe Letters add, that Cardinal Gualteri, the Pope's Nuncio to the Court of France, and formerly Legate in the Romagna, was arrived at Rome, and had put up the Arms of France over his Door, and publickly declared himſelf to be a Penſionary of that Crown. The Imperial Garriſon of Orbitello hath been reinforced with two hundred and fifty Men. Advices from Naples ſay, that Signior Pallavicini was arrived there with a Commiſſion from the King of Spain, as Admiral of the Neapolitan Fleet.

Berlin, February 1. *N. S.* His Majeſty hath appointed the Prince of Anhalt-Deſſau to command the Pruſſian Troops in Flanders, and hath reſolved to augment his Forces with five or ſix thouſand Men the enſuing Campaign. Count Schlippenbach's Regiment of Dragoons, and a Regiment of Light-Horſe, which ſuffered very much laſt Year, are commanded from the Low-Countries, in order to recruit their Forces in the King's Dominions this next Summer; and they are to be relieved by Margrave Albert's Regiment of Dragoons, which is far more numerous than both the former. This Court hath taken Meaſures to prevent the return of the Swedes and General Craſſau into Poland, and will ſhortly form a Camp on the Frontiers of Pomerania for that end. This Morning a Gentleman of the Duke of Wirtemberg's Bed-chamber, who is ſent hither to pay that Prince's Compliments to the King, and to thank him for the Honour that is done him, by being admitted into the Pruſſian Order, had a private Audience of his Majeſty, and hath received the Croſs and Chain belonging thereunto, wherewith he is ſpeedily to return to his Maſter. Letters from Saxony adviſe, that Monſieur Albani, the Pope's Nephew, made his publick Entry into Dreſden on the 19th of the laſt Month, and had a publick Audience of King Auguſtus, to Congratulate his Majeſty's Re eſtabliſhment on the Throne of Poland. The Cardinal is ſince ſet out for Vienna, well ſatisfied with the particular Honours he hath received, and the Succeſs of his Negotiations at that Court, it being reported that he hath obtained a Liberty for the free Exerciſe of the Roman Catholick Religion in Saxony. Theſe Letters add, that King Auguſtus left that City on the 2 th, and that the Earl of Stairs arrived there after his Majeſty's Departure; but was preparing to follow him to Poland, and had diſpatched his Secretary before to Cracow. We have received a particular Account of the Czar's Triumphant Entry into Moſcow, which was performed with the greateſt Magnificence and Solemnity; all the Swediſh Priſoners were preſented to Publick View, Count Piper and the Commanding Officers marching at their Head, together with the Trophies of the three famous Victories of Poltowa, Perewoloczna and Leſna. Nothing could ſurpaſs the Sumptuouſneſs and Architecture of the triumphal Arches which were built on this Occaſion; Multitudes of Spectators filled the principal Streets, and all the Publick Places through which his Czariſh Majeſty was to paſs; nothing was omitted which might add to the Pomp and Splendor of this Triumph. Theſe Advices add, that the Czar had received Diſpatches from the Ottoman Port, with Aſſurances of an inviolable Obſervation of the Truce between the two Empires, and a Propoſal for its longer Continuance.

Hague, February 7. *N. S.* Yeſterday a Bargain was concluded with certain Undertakers, for ſupplying the Army with Bread, and providing Waggons for the Service of the enſuing Campaign, the number of which they have conſiderably augmented. To Morrow they will ſettle an Agreement for filling the extraordinary Magazines which they propoſe to lay up on the Frontiers, for the Subſiſtence of the Troops before the Month of May. The Council of State is daily employed in the Examination of the Anſwer of the Regency of Sweden lately tranſmitted hither, and alſo in concerting Meaſures for the Preſervation of the Peace of the Empire. Advices from Flanders ſay, that the Enemies Garriſons in their Frontier Towns have not yet received either Arrears of Mony for their Subſiſtence, or their new Cloathing, but are reduced to great Extremities, as well by the Coldneſs of the Seaſon, as want of Proviſions. Letters from France inform us, that the quantity of Corn which arrived at Marſeilles, is not ſo conſiderable as was expected; and that the Price of that Commodity was very little abated, notwithſtanding this Supply. In the mean time we have frequent Accounts from ſeveral parts of the Kingdom of the Miſery of the People; and are adviſed from Grenoble, that a great Mortality reigns in that City and the neighbouring Country. Advices from Spain ſay, that the Court of Madrid meets with unexpected Difficulties in raiſing Men for the Service of the Duke of Anjou; and that the Magazines could not be ſupplied for want of Mony. They write from Bruſſels, that the States of Hainault had conſented to the granting of a Subſidy of three hundred and fifty thouſand Florins; and that the City and Dependency of Aeth were reunited to that Province.

Plimouth, January 27. On the 25th Inſtant arrived her Majeſty's Ship the Kent with a Dunkirk Privateer of twenty four Guns; the Queen Mary Galley from Zant, and Selby Galley from Leghorne, both bound for London. Came in alſo her Majeſty's Ships the Yarmouth, St. Albans and Hind, who have been out of the Soundings with Sir John Norris; they have retaken and brought in the Diſpatch, laden with Fruit from Pharce, bound for London.

Yeſterday